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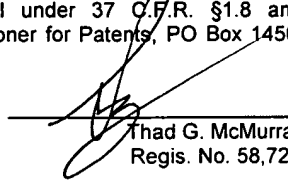
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Honorable Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination is in reply to the Office Action dated August 29, 2006 regarding the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-33 are pending in the application. Currently, Claims 12-33 have been withdrawn from consideration, and Claims 1-11 and have been rejected.

The **Current Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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